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TAGS: MARR, XO, US, UK

SUBJECT: DIEGO GARCIA AGREEMENT

REFS: A. LONDON 2040; B. STATE 29992

1. WE ARE PUZZLED BY CORMACK'S INSISTENCE (REF A) THAT WE
CONVEY LISTING OF EXPANSION FACILITIES BY DIPLOMATIC NOTE
FOR UK APPROVAL, AND ANNEX NOTE TO OFFICIAL RECORD.

2. WE NOTE BRITISH PROPOSED SIMILAR PROCEDURE DURING US-UK
NEGOTIATIONS ON NEW AGREEMENT IN LATE FEBRUARY 1974. AC-
CORDING LONDON 2669 OF 1 MARCH 1974, IN ORDER TO AVOID RE-
QUIREMENT FOR FORMAL AMENDMENTS IN EVENT OF FUTURE AND UN-
FORESEEABLE CHANGES, BOTH SIDES AGREED QUOTE TO ACCEPT US
DIPLOMATIC LETTER INFORMING HMG OF PLANNED CONSTRUCTION AND
ACKNOWLEDGING APPLICABILITY OF BIOT AND (1974) DIEGO GARCIA
AGREEMENTS TO POSSIBLE FURTHER CONSTRUCTION. UK REPLY
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WOULD SIMPLY ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT AND CONFIRM US INTERPRET-

ATION OF RELEVANT AGREEMENTS, END QUOTE

3. MEMCON OF NEGOTIATING SESSIONS (L/PM MEMO OF 14 MARCH 1974, PARA 9) STATES EXCHANGE OF LETTERS WAS CONSIDERED BY US DEL TO BE FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY AND DID NOT CONSTITUTE EITHER A PART OF (1974) AGREEMENT OR A NEW AND SEPARATE AGREEMENT. DURING THESE NEGOTIATIONS IT WAS CONTEMPLATED THAT THIS EXCHANGE WOULD REMAIN CLASSIFIED AND WOULD BE SUPPLEMENTED BY LETTER FROM CINCUSNAVEUR TO MOD SETTING FORTH DETAILS OF NEW CONSTRUCTION IN RELATION TO COMPARABLE ELEMENTS OF PRESENT COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY. MORE RECENTLY WE AND THE BRITISH AGREED THAT THIS EXCHANGE OF LETTERS COULD BE UNCLASSIFIED. (LONDON 16947, NOV 75)

4. WE VIEW FOREGOING PROCEDURE TO WHICH JACKSON OF FCO SPECIFICALLY AGREED IN 1974 (LONDON 2669, OF MARCH 1974) AS SATISFACTORY DEVICE TO RETAIN FLEXIBILITY AND PERMIT CLOSE, INFORMAL CONSULTATION BETWEEN APPROPRIATE US AND UK OFFICIALS REGARDING CONSTRUCTION DETAILS. WHILE WE ARE, OF COURSE, WILLING TO WORK OUT ANY DISCREPANCIES IN CONSTRUCTION DETAILS BEFORE SIGNATURE OF THE AGREEMENT, WE WOULD NOT WANT TO REVERT TO MORE FORMAL METHOD OF NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES, SUCH AS THE DIPLOMATIC NOTE CORMACK PROPOSES.

5. SUGGEST EMBASSY EXPLAIN FOREGOING TO CORMACK AND EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF PREPARING DRAFT LETTER FROM AMB/CHARGE TO FCO LISTING CURRENT CONSTRUCTION PLANS INCLUDING NINE ITEMS IN REF B WHICH NOT SHOWN IN ORIGINAL SUBMISSION. THIS ADDITIONAL TEXT, IF FCO WISHED, COULD BE ADDED TO MINISTERIAL PACKAGE BUT WOULD NOT RPT NOT BECOME PART OF DIPLOMATIC LEVEL AGREEMENT NOR CONSTITUTE A FORMAL AMENDMENT TO IT. PER PROCEDURE OUTLINED PARAS 2 AND 3 ABOVE, MOD WOULD BE NOTIFIED OF ANY FUTURE CHANGES IN CONSTRUCTION PLANS BY USN VIA CINCUSNAVEUR.

6. REQUEST EMBASSY MAKE FOLLOWING CORRECTIONS TO THE DIEGO GARCIA EXPANSION PLAN (REF B):

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7. COPY OF MEMCON OF NEGOTIATING SESSIONS (L/PM MEMO OF 14 MARCH 1974) BEING POUCHED. INGERSOLL

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